

Flood Safety Awareness Week

NWS Partners and Flood Insurance

The National Weather Service works with and relies on strategic partners involved in river observations, reservoir management, floodplain management, flood hazard mitigation, and flood preparedness and safety to reduce the loss of life and property due to floods. Today we are sharing some great tools from several of our partners.

The USGS Geological Survey (USGS) is one of the most important federal partners in the NWS river forecast and warning program. River gages operated by the USGS provide the basis for NWS forecasts and warnings. River stage data can be found on the USGS Water Watch at: <http://waterwatch.usgs.gov/>. Alerts for river stages are available through the Water Alert - National Water Information System: <http://maps.waterdata.usgs.gov/mapper/wateralert/>.

A significant tool in flood protection for homeowners and communities is the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Flood losses are not covered by your homeowners insurance policy, but are through separate flood insurance as part of the NFIP. Anyone can purchase National Flood Insurance if your community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. You can get more information on the National Flood Insurance Program at <http://www.floodsmart.gov>.

American Red Cross

Family Disaster Plan: www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family

Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH)

Flood Safety Information: www.flash.org/peril_flood.php

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Safety Information: www.ready.gov.

Safety Kit Assembly: www.ready.gov/build-a-kit

Assess Your Flood Risk: <https://msc.fema.gov>.

United States Army Corps of Engineers

Flood Information:

<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/EmergencyOperations/Floods.aspx>

Ice Jam Information: <http://icejams.crrel.usace.army.mil/>

The National Weather Service works with many key partners to complete the mission of protecting life and property. Some additional key partners are the National Hydrologic Warning Council, Association of State Floodplain Managers, the National Safety Council, media outlets, and many other government and private sector organizations. For more information about any of our partners, or to learn about partners local to your area, contact your local NWS office.

As we wrap up the 2014 Flood Safety Awareness Week, remember, flooding can occur in any of the fifty states or U.S. territories at any time of the year. Prepare yourself, your family, and your home. Be aware of potential flooding in your area, Turn Around Don't Drown, and help make the U.S. a more Weather Ready Nation!

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/>

For more information please contact your local NWS office or e-mail hydro.outreach@noaa.gov.